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June, 1959

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the District for 1958.

The Death rate, Infantile Mortality rate and incidence of infectious diseases are the normal means of assessing the health of an area and these, taken in conjunction with the morbidity rate as shown by the number of people who were receiving National Health Insurance benefit throughout the year, show that generally there was cause for satisfaction.

The Infant Mortality of two children with a rate of 5.2 per 1,000, is the lowest for well over 30 years. The rate for England and Wales was 22.5, which was the lowest ever recorded.

Although Infant death rates, when dealing with relatively small populations, appear to fluctuate rather widely from one year to another, it would appear that over the past five years generally the tendency is for a significant decrease.

During the year, 146 notifications of infectious disease were notified, of which 52 were Measles, 42 Scarlet Fever, 28 Whooping Cough and 17 Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The Scarlet Fever occurred throughout the whole year (only in September were no cases notified) which would appear to be contrary to the usual expectation. Twenty-six were removed to Hospital, about the same proportion as in the previous year.

It is noticeable that over some years less cases of Scarlet Fever are going to Hospital than in past decades and it would appear that while the disease is still presenting such a mild appearance it should be social grounds only that would influence the choice between hospital or home treatment.

Scarlet Fever in this area has been very mild for over twelve years - the patients with or without anti-biotic treatment recover within 3 to 5 days - but school children should not return to school before 14 days from onset to allow complete recovery and avoid risk of complications. The advantage of Scarlet Fever notification has been pointed out by the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health as indicating the level of streptococcal infection in the area. Swabbing of Scarlet Fever patients and home contacts is widely carried out and in some cases individual classes in school and whole schools have been swabbed where a considerable number of notifications are received during a particular week. It would appear that exclusion and treatment of nasal carriers has prevented further spread of infection although the procedure is open to criticism.

A revision of the Tuberculosis Register was undertaken during the year in association with the Chest Consultant, with the result that 85 cases were removed from the Register. This now gives a more realistic idea of the number of patients in the district.

In September, vaccination against Poliomyelitis was extended to 15 - 25 year group, and although the figures would indicate that only a small proportion of these has been vaccinated, the figures for 1959 will show a considerable increase.

I would again wish to record the thanks of the Public Health Department to the two excellent Voluntary Services e.g., the Old People's Welfare and Tuberculosis Care Committees, for their work during the year.

During the year the Public Health Department functioned very smoothly as a team, and I wish to record my thanks to Mr A. Leslie, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and all the Members of the Department, for their excellent co-operation. I have always found the whole Staff very willing without regard to normal working hours to tackle any problem.



I would also express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their consideration and advice.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN T. MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health

SOCIAL CONDITIONS1. Climatology

The weather in 1958 was very disappointing being generally rainy, particularly during the Summer months when June and August were severely effected by 4.36 inches and 3.44 inches of rain respectively.

It will be seen upon reference to Appendix "A" that a total of 31.26 inches of rain was recorded in the Urban District during the year, and this is the highest figure since 1951, when a total of 37.19 inches was recorded.

Although very cold, the Winter months were not so severe as in 1956.

During the first Quarter of the year, there were quite heavy falls of snow on 15 occasions (5 in January; 4 in February; 5 in March and 1 in April), as compared with 4 occasions in 1957 and 19 occasions in 1956.

Temperatures dropped below freezing point on 67 occasions (13 in January; 9 in February; 19 in March; 9 in April; 1 in May; 1 in October; 8 in November and 7 in December), as compared with 44 occasions in 1957 and 80 occasions in 1956.

The hottest day of the year was 10th July, when a temperature of 83°F. was recorded. The highest temperatures for previous years were as follows - 98°F. in July, 1957; 89°F. in July, 1956; 93°F. in July 1955 and 88°F. in May, 1954.

The wettest month was June, when the rainfall recorded was 4.36 inches. This compares with 3.91 inches in July, 1957; 4.46 inches in January, 1956; 4.53 inches in October, 1955 and 6.28 inches in November, 1954.

Monthly rainfall readings recorded at Highsted Waterworks over the past six years are shown in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" shows the monthly maximum and minimum Temperatures, as recorded at Johnson House, Sittingbourne, for the years 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958.

2. Area in Acres

Land and Inland Water ... .. 4,935

No change.

### 3. Population

The estimated mid-year population for 1958 as given by the Registrar-General, was 22,470 an increase of 210 against the estimated mid-year population for 1957.

It is interesting to note that this estimated population shows an increase of 566 over the Census figure of 21,904 taken in April, 1951.

### 4. Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1958 was 7,250.

### 5. Rateable Value

The rateable value at 31st December, 1958, was £304,012 as compared with £297,369 at the end of 1957.

### 6. Sum Representing Penny Rate

The sum representing a penny rate in 1958 was £1,260 as compared with £1,195 in 1957.

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SECTION IIVITAL STATISTICS1. Births

The number of Births registered during 1958 was 379 as compared with 381 in the previous year.

The number of Births each year for the period from 1930 to 1958 will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

## (a) Live Births

				Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	...	...	...	194 (203)	173 (159)	367 (362)*
Illegitimate	...	...	...	8 (13)	4 (6)	12 (19)
Totals				202 (216)	177 (165)	379 (381)

The percentage of illegitimate births was 3.2% as against 5.2% in 1957; 5.0% in 1956 and 4.8% in 1955.

## (b) Birth Rate

The crude birth rate per 1,000 of the population was 16.8 in 1958 as against 17.1 in 1957; 15.0 in 1956 and 15.6 in 1955. The figures for the years from 1930 to date will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

The corrected birth rate is 17.1, as compared with 16.4 per thousand for England and Wales as a whole.

## (c) Still-Births

Six still-births occurred during the year. This compares with 11 in 1957; 7 in 1956 and 4 in 1955.

The percentage of still-births to live births for the year was 1.5%. This compares with the figures of 2.8% for 1957; 2.1% for 1956 and 1.1% for 1955.

There were no illegitimate still-births during the year.

Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.



## 2. Deaths

(a) The number of deaths occurring in and assignable to the Urban District during 1958 was 336. This figure represents 175 males and 161 females.

Figures for previous years as far back as 1930, may be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

Of the 336 Deaths assigned to Sittingbourne during 1958, a total of 190 occurred in Milton Hospital, but only 70 of these were of persons previously resident in the Urban District. The figures for 1957 were 398 - 194 - 20 and for 1956 were 397 - 146 and 20.

The average age of Death was 73.9, being 72.0 for males and 75.9 for females. The oldest death was a female aged 99 years. The average age of death during 1957 was 72.6, being 71.3 for males and 74.0 for females.

The following Table shows the age groups in which the Deaths occurred:-

TABLE I

Sex	Under											85
	1	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	and	over
Year.												
Males ... ..	2	2	-	1	2	4	8	22	45	61	28	
Females ... ..	-	1	1	1	1	-	6	13	39	61	38	
Totals	2	3	1	2	3	4	14	35	84	122	66	

### (b) Death Rate

The crude death rate for 1958 was 14.9 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 17.8 per 1,000 in the preceding year. The figures for 1956 and 1955 were 17.9 and 15.7 per 1,000 respectively.

The figure for the year under review can only be compared with those for the years 1957, 1956, 1955, 1954 and 1953 due to the inclusion in local statistics of all deaths at Milton Hospital irrespective of original place of residence under the new arrangements adopted by the Registrar-General which came into force on the 1st January, 1953. However, the figures for previous years back to 1930 are included in Table III.

It is interesting to note that if these particular deaths had not been assigned to this area the number of deaths for the Urban District during these six years, together with the crude death rate appertaining to such figures would have been as follows:-

Year	No. of Deaths	Crude Death Rate
1953	278	12.6
1954	227	10.3
1955	242	11.0
1956	271	12.2
1957	230	10.3
1958	216	9.6

The corrected death rate is 10.1 per 1,000 as compared with 11.7 per 1,000 for England and Wales as a whole.



(c) The causes of death classified by the Registrar-General under the 36 headings based on the Abbreviated List of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948, are set out in Table II below:-

TABLE II

Cause	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	3 ( - )	2 ( - )	5 ( - )*
2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
3. Syphilitic disease ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
4. Diphtheria ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
5. Whooping Cough ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
6. Meningococcal infections ... ..	- ( - )	1 ( - )	1 ( - )
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
8. Measles ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	- ( - )	1 ( - )	1 ( - )
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	2 ( 6 )	2 ( 6 )	4 ( 12 )
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	3 ( 8 )	1 ( - )	4 ( 8 )
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	- ( - )	2 ( 12 )	2 ( 12 )
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	- ( - )	3 ( 2 )	3 ( 2 )
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	14 ( 15 )	11 ( 10 )	25 ( 25 )
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..	- ( 1 )	- ( - )	- ( 1 )
16. Diabetes ... ..	1 ( 1 )	2 ( - )	3 ( 1 )
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	35 ( 37 )	41 ( 39 )	76 ( 76 )
18. Coronary disease, angina ... ..	25 ( 31 )	18 ( 11 )	43 ( 42 )
19. Hypertension with heart disease ... ..	2 ( 1 )	2 ( 2 )	4 ( 3 )
20. Other heart disease ... ..	40 ( 69 )	52 ( 78 )	92 ( 147 )
21. Other circulatory disease ... ..	9 ( 2 )	6 ( 3 )	15 ( 5 )
22. Influenza ... ..	1 ( - )	1 ( 1 )	2 ( 1 )
23. Pneumonia ... ..	8 ( 8 )	3 ( 5 )	11 ( 13 )
24. Bronchitis ... ..	13 ( 6 )	3 ( 2 )	16 ( 8 )
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	2 ( - )	- ( - )	2 ( - )
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..	2 ( - )	1 ( - )	3 ( - )
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	- ( 1 )	- ( 1 )	- ( 2 )
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	2 ( 4 )	- ( - )	2 ( 4 )
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
31. Congenital malformations ... ..	4 ( 1 )	- ( 3 )	4 ( 4 )
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	3 ( 12 )	6 ( 10 )	9 ( 22 )
33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	5 ( 2 )	1 ( - )	6 ( 2 )
34. All other accidents ... ..	- ( 6 )	1 ( 1 )	1 ( 7 )
35. Suicide ... ..	1 ( - )	1 ( 1 )	2 ( 1 )
36. Homicide and operations of War ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
All Causes	175 ( 211 )	161 ( 187 )	336 ( 398 )

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.



(d) The following Table gives details of deaths, births and infantile mortality for the period 1930 to 1958 inclusive.

TABLE III

Year	Population	Deaths		Births					Infant Mortality			
		Number of Deaths at all Ages	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Still-Births	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age per 1,000 Births
1930	19,838	257	12.8	332	20	352	17.6	7	14	1	15	42.6
1931	20,175	226	11.2	339	6	345	17.1	7	10	1	11	31.8
1932	20,320	222	10.9	342	13	355	17.4	12	22	1	23	64.7
1933	20,350	256	12.5	337	13	350	17.1	14	22	-	22	62.8
1934	20,480	265	12.9	321	8	329	16.0	10	16	2	18	54.7
1935	20,700	237	11.4	340	8	348	16.4	15	11	-	11	31.6
1936	20,920	245	11.7	296	11	307	14.6	15	12	-	12	39.0
1937	20,880	244	11.6	322	13	335	16.0	1	11	-	11	32.8
1938	20,950	218	10.4	293	10	303	14.4	14	9	1	10	33.0
1939	20,860	262	12.4	318	10	328	15.7	15	8	1	9	27.4
1940	20,670	280	13.5	311	9	320	15.4	10	18	1	19	59.3
1941	19,880	247	12.4	257	11	268	13.4	7	6	-	6	22.3
1942	19,270	233	12.0	291	18	309	16.0	9	16	-	16	51.7
1943	18,790	249	13.2	334	14	348	18.5	13	17	-	17	48.8
1944	18,790	231	12.2	340	31	371	19.7	9	16	4	20	53.9
1945	19,140	236	12.3	350	34	384	20.0	11	12	3	15	39.0
1946	21,040	230	10.9	419	31	450	21.3	12	13	1	14	31.1
1947	21,560	248	11.5	509	23	532	24.4	15	17	-	17	31.9
1948	22,240	228	10.2	385	12	397	17.8	7	8	-	8	20.1
1949	22,150	271	12.2	355	19	374	16.8	7	15	-	15	37.4
1950	22,340	228	10.2	328	15	343	15.3	7	8	-	8	23.3
1951	21,920	265	12.0	332	15	347	15.8	8	14	-	14	40.3
1952	21,940	244	11.1	331	15	346	15.7	3	9	-	9	26.0
1953	21,930	433	19.7	340	17	357	16.2	6	16	-	16	44.8
1954	21,940	318	14.4	298	18	316	14.4	7	4	-	4	12.6
1955	21,970	347	15.7	327	16	343	15.6	4	4	-	4	11.6
1956	22,060	397	17.9	316	16	332	15.0	7	8	1	9	27.1
1957	22,260	398	17.8	362	19	381	17.1	11	11	-	11	28.8
1958	22,470	336	14.9	367	12	379	16.8	6	2	-	2	5.2



### 3. Infantile Mortality

(a) Two deaths of Infants under one year of age were recorded during the year under review as compared with 11 in 1957 and 9 in 1956.

The infant mortality rate for the year was 5.2 per thousand live births, which is the lowest rate for well over 30 years. The rate for 1957 was 28.8 and the figures for previous years may be seen upon reference to Table III.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales as a whole was 22.5 and it will be noted that the local rate is considerably lower than this figure.

Of the 2 deaths recorded, 1 was an infant under four weeks of age, resulting in a Neo-Natal mortality rate of 2.6 per thousand live births as compared with that for England and Wales as a whole of 16.2 per thousand live births.

(b) The detailed causes of death among infants during 1958 were as follows:-

TABLE IV

Cause	Sex	Age at Death	Place of Birth	Place of Death
Congenital Heart Disease	M	1 week	Hospital	Hospital
Laryngeal Obstruction				
Granuloma of Larynx ...	M	11 months	Home	Home

SECTION IIIINFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASESTHEIR PREVALENCE AND CONTROL1. Notifiable Diseases - Incidence

During the year, 146 notifications were received in connection with cases of notifiable infectious disease occurring in the Urban District. In 1957 a total of 940 cases were notified, and the figures for the years 1955 and 1956 were 516 cases and 47 cases respectively.

The incidence of all cases in each Quarter of the Year, was as follows:-

1st Quarter - 85; 2nd Quarter - 21; 3rd Quarter - 19; 4th Quarter - 21.

As will be seen from Table VIII, the main diseases were Scarlet Fever, Measles, Whooping Cough and Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The majority of the 52 cases of Measles notified occurred during the month of January (49 cases), being the overflow from the epidemic in the last three months of 1957, when the Urban District suffered considerably from this particular disease. Happily no complications arose and no admissions to Hospital were necessary. The cases were 35 Children under School age; 16 School Children and a girl of 17 years.

There was an increase in the incidence of Scarlet Fever, 42 cases being notified as compared with 25 in the previous year. The cases were - 30 School Children; 11 Children under School age and 1 Adult of 25 years. Twenty-six of these cases were admitted to Keycol Hospital, and the remaining 16 cases were isolated and treated in their own homes.

A small outbreak of Scarlet Fever occurred at Murston County Primary School, and it was decided as a precautionary measure to take Nose and Throat Swabs from all the Children and the School Staff. Nose and Throat Swabs were taken from 179 Children, 7 Teachers and the Caretaker (374 Swabs in all), and notification was received from the Public Health Laboratory at Maidstone, that 22 Throat and 7 Nose Swabs were positive for Haemolytic Streptococci. The Doctors in the Area, and the Mothers of the Children concerned, were notified of the position and, after the Children had undergone a course of treatment, Nose and Throat Swabs were again taken. The results of these proved to be negative and, as no further cases were reported at the School, it appeared that the precautions taken, combined with the treatment given, to prevent further spread of the disease, had proved to be effective.

In all, 466 Nose and Throat Swabs were taken, and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Maidstone, during the Year. The majority being in connection with Murston School mentioned above.



The 28 cases of Whooping Cough notified, consisted of 21 School Children and 7 Children under School age. As expected, the incidence of this particular disease was much lower than in the previous year when 139 cases were notified.

The 5 cases of Erysipelas notified were all adults, being 2 males and 3 females. Three cases were admitted to Hospital.

The single case of Puerperal Pyrexia notified was a female aged 29 years, who was admitted to Sheppey General Hospital.

It is very pleasing to report that there were no cases of Poliomyelitis or Food Poisoning in the Urban District during the year and, for the eleventh successive year, no cases of Diphtheria were notified.

Details of the cases of Tuberculosis notified are shown in Table IX.

(a) The total number of cases occurring, number of cases admitted to Hospital and the total deaths from each disease as shown in the Registrar-General's classification of deaths, are shown in the following Table:-

TABLE V

Disease.					No. of Cases.	Admissions to Hospital or Sanatorium.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	42 ( 25)	26 (13)	- ( - )*
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
Measles	...	...	...	...	52 (737)	- ( - )	- ( - )
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	28 (139)	- ( 1)	- ( - )
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	- ( 5)	- ( - )	- ( - )
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	5 ( - )	3 ( - )	- ( - )
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	- ( 1)	- ( 1)	11 (13)
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	1 ( - )	1 ( - )	- ( - )
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	- ( 6)	- ( 6)	- ( - )
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
Tuberculosis:-							
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	17 ( 27)	16 (20)	5 ( - )
Non-Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	1 ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
Totals					146 (940)	46 (41)	16 (13)

Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.



(b) The distribution by age group of the cases notified is shown in Table VI thus:-

TABLE VI

Age Groups of Cases Notified

Disease.			Under 1 Year	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 and Over	Total
Scarlet Fever	...	...	-	5	6	27	3	-	1	-	-	-	42
Diphtheria	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	...	...	5	16	14	16	-	1	-	-	-	-	52
Whooping Cough	...	...	-	2	5	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Food Poisoning	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5
Pneumonia	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:-													
Pulmonary	...	...	-	2	2	2	-	2	6	-	2	1	17
Non-Pulmonary	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Totals			5	25	27	66	3	3	8	1	5	3	146

(c) The monthly incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) in the Urban District, during 1958, is shown in the following Table VII:-

TABLE VII

Monthly Incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases  
(other than Tuberculosis)  
during 1958

Disease	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
Erysipelas ... ..	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	5
Scarlet Fever ... ..	5	7	3	1	1	3	6	3	-	6	5	2	42
Measles ... ..	47	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	52
Whooping Cough ... ..	12	3	3	2	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Puerperal Pyrexia... ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	64	12	8	5	7	5	8	3	1	6	5	4	128





## 2. Tuberculosis

The number of new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year was 17. This figure compares with 27 new cases notified in 1957 and 15 in 1956.

The majority of the cases notified during the year under review, concerned two families. One family consisted of husband, wife and two children and the second family consisted of the wife and three children. All of these cases were admitted to Hospital.

There was also one case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified, being the first case of this type during the last 3 years.

The age groups of new cases notified are shown in Table IX below.

TABLE IX

Age Groups of New Cases of Tuberculosis Notified during 1958

Age Group	Type	Total	Male	Female
0 - 1	Pulmonary	-	-	-
1 - 5	"	4	1	3
5 - 10	"	2	1	1
10 - 15	"	-	-	-
15 - 20	"	1	1	-
20 - 25	"	1	-	1
25 - 35	"	6	2	4
35 - 45	Non-Pulmonary	1	-	1
45 - 55	Pulmonary	1	1	-
55 - 65	"	2	2	-
65 and Over	"	-	-	-
	Totals	18	8	10

A complete Survey of all cases on the Tuberculosis Register was carried out during the year in co-operation with the Chest Clinic Staff at Keycol Hospital, to bring the records of each Department into agreement. I am most grateful for the kind assistance which was so willingly given in this respect.

As a result of this Survey, it was possible to ~~reduce~~ the total number of cases on the Register by as many as 85, being 61 Pulmonary cases and 24 Non-Pulmonary cases.



The Summary of Cases on the Tuberculosis Register during 1958, is given in Table X, which shows that, mainly due to the Survey mentioned previously, the total number of cases has been reduced from 267 at the beginning of the year to 192 at 31st December, 1958.

TABLE X

Summary of Tuberculosis Register

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
Number of Cases on Register at 1st January, 1958.	232	35	267
<u>Additions:-</u>			
Notified as 'New' Cases -	17	1	18
Transferred to District -	<u>1</u> 18	<u>-</u> 1	<u>1</u> 19
	250	36	286
<u>Deductions:-</u>			
Died	5	-	5 <del>0</del>
Recovered	1	-	1
Removed from District	<u>3</u> 9	<u>-</u> -	<u>3</u> 9
	241	36	277
<u>Deductions (resulting from Survey of Cases on Register carried out in co-operation with Chest Clinic):-</u>			
Died, Recovered, Removed from District, Diagnosis Changed etc.	<u>61</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>85</u>
<u>Number of Cases Remaining on Register at 31st December, 1958</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>192</u>

Footnote:-  $\phi$  This figure refers to patients on the Tuberculosis Register who have died - not necessarily from Tuberculosis.

Dr Owen Clarke, M.D., M.R.C.P., Consultant Chest Physician of the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee, has again kindly supplied me with details of the patients admitted to Hospital and Sanatoria. A total of 23 patients from the Urban District received Institutional treatment during the year, as shown in the following Table:-

<u>Institution</u>						<u>Patients</u>
Keycol Sanatorium, nr Sittingbourne	...	...	...	...	...	14
Preston Hall Hospital, Maidstone	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bow Arrow Hospital, Dartford	...	...	...	...	...	7
Total						<hr/> 23 <hr/>

The Table indicates that 11.9% of the patients on the Tuberculosis Register were admitted to Hospital or Sanatoria for treatment during 1958, as compared with 9.3% in the previous year.

I am very happy to again report that the Members of the Sittingbourne, Milton and District Tuberculosis Care Committee have continued their good work during the year, in bringing much needed relief to patients in this Area.

Such relief consisted of occupational therapy, house repairs, heating, lighting, and Christmas extras, at a cost of almost £150. In addition, the Holiday Scheme was continued and 9 recommended cases, together with their families, were able to enjoy two week's holiday at various South Coast resorts, the expenditure in this connection being £243. Assistance was given in 50 cases and 6 new cases were referred to the Committee during the year.

I do feel that these patients are very fortunate indeed in having such an active Committee to apply to whenever help is required.

The following Table XI gives details of Notifications received, Deaths and the Death Rate per 10,000 of the Population, for both Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary cases, during the period from 1930 to 1958 inclusive.

TABLE XI

Year	Number of Primary Notifications Received		Deaths		Death Rate per 10,000 of Population	
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary
1930	30	3	24	3	12.1	1.5
1931	19	8	11	2	5.4	0.9
1932	20	3	11	2	5.3	0.9
1933	24	1	17	1	8.3	0.4
1934	15	3	17	1	8.3	0.4
1935	12	7	9	2	4.3	0.9
1936	12	5	10	1	4.7	0.4
1937	12	9	13	-	6.2	-
1938	12	4	8	2	3.8	0.9
1939	13	4	13	2	6.2	0.9
1940	11	1	11	1	5.3	0.4
1941	9	3	7	1	3.5	0.5
1942	15	4	8	-	4.0	-
1943	9	4	8	3	4.2	1.5
1944	14	3	7	1	3.7	0.5
1945	22	2	7	1	3.0	0.5
1946	14	2	9	1	4.0	0.4
1947	19	5	6	2	2.8	0.9
1948	19	6	8	1	3.5	0.4
1949	20	3	10	2	4.5	0.9
1950	18	6	1	1	0.4	0.4
1951	15	2	3	-	1.3	-
1952	17	1	3	1	1.3	0.4
1953	16	-	4	-	1.8	-
1954	19	3	-	1	-	0.4
1955	19	1	2	-	0.9	-
1956	15	-	3	1	1.3	0.4
1957	27	-	-	-	-	-
1958	17	1	5	-	2.2	-



### 3. Venereal Diseases

I am again indebted to the Director and Medical Officer in Charge of the Special Clinic in Rochester, (C.D. Routh, M.D., M.R.C.P.), supplied by the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee, who has kindly given me the following information regarding cases and numbers of attendances from this Urban District during the Year. These are as follows:-

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Syphilis       ...       ...       ...       ...	- ( 1 )	1 ( 1 )	1 ( 2 )*
Gonorrhoea     ...       ...       ...       ...	2 ( - )	2 ( - )	4 ( - )
Non-Venereal (Genital Lesions) ...	9 ( 10 )	3 ( 7 )	12 ( 17 )
Totals	11 ( 11 )	6 ( 8 )	17 ( 19 )

The above refer to new cases during the Year.

The total number of patients under treatment, both old and new, in the Urban District during 1958, was 38, as compared with 32 in 1957.

The total number of attendances at this Clinic was 205 as compared with 250 in 1957. The attendances in previous years were - 220 in 1956; 279 in 1955; 319 in 1954; 262 in 1953; 191 in 1952; 308 in 1951 and 424 in 1950.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



#### 4. Vaccinations and Immunisations

The County Medical Officer of Health (Dr A. Elliott) has very kindly supplied figures in connection with Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations, and Vaccinations against Smallpox and Poliomyelitis as follows:-

##### (a) Diphtheria Immunisation

During the year the following cases have been protected against Diphtheria:-

Under 5 years	...	...	...	...	315 (259)*
5 - 14 years	...	...	...	...	33 ( 19)
Reinforcing dose	...	...	...	...	140 (232)

The number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1958, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date amounted to 3,755.

##### (b) Whooping Cough Immunisation

A total of 361 children were immunised against Whooping Cough during 1958.

##### (c) Vaccination Against Smallpox

The following cases were vaccinated against Smallpox during 1958:-

Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	185 (161)*
1 - 4 years	...	...	...	...	101 ( 94)
5 - 14 years	...	...	...	...	10 ( 9)
15+ years	...	...	...	...	- ( 11)

The number of children re-vaccinated during 1958 amounted to 3 as compared with 6 in 1957.

##### (d) Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

During the year ended 31st December, 1958, a total of 2,046 children resident in the Urban District received a course of two injections against Poliomyelitis. Of these children, 307 were given a third injection.

In addition, 368 adults received two injections and, of these, 4 were given a third injection.

Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.

## 5. International Certificates of Vaccination

During the year, 93 International Certificates of Vaccination were presented to the Department by local people leaving the Country, for the Medical Officer of Health to Authenticate the Signatures of the Doctors concerned.

These people were travelling to such countries as India, Uganda, Australia, Aden, Sudan, Cyprus, South Africa, Singapore, Southern Rhodesia, Malta, Tripoli, Palestine, Persian Gulf, Hong Kong, Italy, British Columbia, Germany, Canada and the United States of America.

In the years 1956 and 1957, the number of Certificates dealt with by the Department were 62 and 127 respectively.

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SECTION IVGENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICESIN THE AREA1. National Health Services

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council as the local Health Authority. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children; the provision of Midwives; Health Visiting and Home Nursing; Vaccination and Immunisation; Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care and Domestic Help Services.

The Kent County Council completed the transfer of their Staff and Services from Johnson House to Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne on Monday, 21st April, 1958. Since this date, all Infant and Child Welfare, School Health and Dental Services have been held at Sutton House.

The dates and times of all Clinics held at Sutton House are shown in the following table:-

Clinics and Sessions	Date	Time
Infant Welfare	Tuesday and Friday	2 - 4 p.m.
Ante-natal - Midwives Clinics	Wednesday and Thursday	2 - 4 p.m.
Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes (by Appointment)	Thursday	10 a.m. - 12 noon
Orthopaedic (by Appointment)	Orthopaedic Surgeon attends 2nd Tuesday in each month	10 a.m. - 12 noon.
	Exercises Wednesday and Friday	10 a.m. - 12 noon.
Minor Ailments	Saturday	9 - 11 a.m.
Dental	Monday, Wednesday and Friday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ophthalmic	Thursday	9 - 11 a.m.
Domestic Help Service	Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.



After representations by the Local Authority to the Kent County Council, an Infant and Child Welfare Clinic was opened at the Congregational Hall, Crown Road, Milton Regis, for the benefit of Mothers and Children in the Milton and Kemsley areas, on Thursday, 13th June, 1957. This Clinic was initially held fortnightly, but due to the large numbers of Mothers attending, it was found necessary to make arrangements for the Clinic to be opened weekly. Since 2nd January, 1958, the Clinic has been opened each week on a Thursday, from 2 - 4 p.m., when a Doctor and a Health Visitor are in attendance.

Vaccinations against Smallpox, together with Immunisations against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough, are given at the Infant Welfare Clinics at Sutton House, if required.

So far as Vaccinations against Poliomyelitis are concerned, these may be arranged to be given at either the Infant Welfare Centre, or by a person's own Family Doctor.

Vaccinations for children under five years of age are given, by appointment, at the Child Welfare Centre, Sutton House, on Tuesdays between 2 and 2.30 p.m.

All other persons eligible for such vaccination may apply at Sutton House for an appointment to receive their vaccination at a special clinic arranged each month. The date and duration of this clinic being in accordance with the numbers applying.

The four Health Visitors (Kent County Council Staff) at Sutton House, who cover the Sittingbourne and Milton Urban District, are - Mrs E.M. Gibson, Miss B. Clarke, Miss D. Larkin and Miss P. Holmes.

Mental Welfare is provided by the Regional Hospital Board for patients from the Urban District, at 13, South Road, Faversham. The Sessions for this Clinic are held on Thursday evenings at 5 o'clock.

A Nursery Class for partially deaf children between the ages of three and five years has been established in Gillingham and was actually opened during the month of June, 1957. Children from the Sittingbourne District are able to attend this Clinic.

## 2. Hospitals and Nursing Homes

### (i) Hospitals

There are two Hospitals in the Urban District, as follows:-

(a) Memorial Hospital, Bell Road, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sitt.19).

The Visiting Hours at this Hospital are -

Sunday	-	2 p.m. until 4 p.m.
Monday	-	7 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Wednesday	-	2 p.m. until 4 p.m.
Friday	-	7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

(b) Milton Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel.No: Sitt.68).

This Hospital has a Residential Section for Aged People, and Hospital facilities for the Infirm and Chronic Sick.

(c) Cases of Infectious Disease, including patients suffering from Tuberculosis, are admitted for treatment to Keycol Hospital, Keycol Hill, Key Street, Nr Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Newington 222), which is situated on the main London Road, just outside the Urban District boundary. At this Hospital, there is also a Chest Clinic (Tel.No: Newington 387) at which Out-Patients suffering from Tuberculosis and other associated Chest complaints attend for X-Ray and for periodic examinations by the Consultant Chest Physician.

### (ii) Nursing Homes

There is one Nursing Home in the Urban District, Lynton Nursing Home, which is registered for Maternity Cases only, for whom 4 beds are allowed and provided. This Nursing Home is situate at 80, Park Road, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sitt.629), and is under the personal direction of the Principal, Miss M.K. Masters, S.C.M.

The Table overleaf shows that 101 Maternity Cases were delivered during 1958, of which 89 were local residents. The figures for 1957 were 112 and 96 respectively and for 1956 were 102 and 86 respectively. It is interesting to note from this Table, the wide Area from which Mothers attend this Home for their confinements.



TABLE XII

Home District				Number of Maternity Cases delivered		
				1958	1957	1956
Sittingbourne	...	...	...	89	96	86
Doddington	...	...	...	2	2	1
Newnham	...	...	...	-	1	1
Eastling	...	...	...	-	1	1
Faversham	...	...	...	2	3	4
Teynham	...	...	...	2	3	2
Rainham	...	...	...	-	-	2
Canterbury	...	...	...	-	-	1
Newington	...	...	...	1	-	3
Chatham	...	...	...	-	1	-
Gillingham	...	...	...	1	1	-
Maidstone	...	...	...	-	1	-
Bicknor	...	...	...	-	1	-
Boughton	...	...	...	1	1	-
Sheppey	...	...	...	1	-	-
Meopham	...	...	...	1	-	-
Iwade	...	...	...	1	-	-
Throwley	...	...	...	-	1	1
Totals				101	112	102

The Beverley Private Nursing Home registered for Medical, Chronic and Convalescent cases on 27th January, 1958, and providing accommodation for 7 patients, both male and female, closed down on 24th July, 1958 and the Certificate of Registration was cancelled.

### 3. Laboratory Services

The Pathologist's Clinic at Johnson House was closed in April, 1956.

Patients, together with Pathological specimens, have, since this date, been referred to the Pathologist at All Saints Hospital, Chatham.

### 4. School Health Services

I am very grateful to the County Medical Officer (Dr A. Elliott) for once again providing me with a copy of the Annual Report on the School Health Service in the Urban District during the Year under review, from which the following are interesting extracts:-



(a) Children inspected, treatment required and frequency of main defects found, are as follows:-

(i) Number of Children inspected (Periodic Inspections) ... ..	1,909	(1,374)*
(ii) Number found requiring treatment ...	252	( 112)
(iii) Percentage ... ..	13.2%	( 8.1%)
(iv) Frequency of main defects found:-		
Orthopaedic defects ... ..	5.9%	( 6.2%)
Eyes ... ..	73.0%	(59.8%)
Nose and Throat ... ..	4.3%	( 2.6%)
Developmental (including hernia)... ..	1.5%	( 1.7%)
Ears ... ..	1.9%	( 1.7%)
Psychological ... ..	1.5%	(14.2%)

(b) The classification of Children inspected in accordance with their general condition is as follows:-

	Number Inspected	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Entrants ... ..	590 ( 388)	510 ( 387)	80 ( 1)*
Second Age Group	385 ( 141)	385 ( 141)	- ( -)
Third Age Group ...	183 ( 322)	183 ( 322)	- ( -)
Other Periodic Inspections ...	751 ( 523)	751 ( 521)	- ( 2)
	1,909 (1,374)	1,829 (1,371)	80 ( 3)

It is interesting to note that all unsatisfactory conditions were found during the inspection of children in the Entrants Group, 80 children being concerned, representing 13.6% of the total inspected in this particular Group. This percentage is very much higher than in the past two years - the figures for 1957 and 1956 being 0.2% and 2.0% respectively.

(c) The total number of attendances at the Minor Ailments Clinics was 164, as compared with 313 in 1957; 134 in 1956; 171 in 1955 and 178 in 1954. The number of defects was 153 as compared with 189 in 1957; 111 in 1956; 146 in 1955 and 149 in 1954.

The attendances and treatments required, were again due mainly to minor injuries and bruises etc., i.e. 146 in 1958 as against 168 in 1957 and 99 in 1956.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year

The majority of conditions treated were as follows:-

Minor injuries (including bruises, sores, chilblains etc.)	...	...	...	95.4%	(88.8%)*
Skin diseases	...	...	...	1.3%	(3.7%)
Eye diseases	...	...	...	2.6%	(7.2%)
Ear conditions	...	...	...	0.6%	(0.9%)

(d) Dental Inspections and treatment figures are as follows:-

Number inspected by Dental Officers	...	953
Number found requiring treatment	...	484
Percentage	...	50.7%
Number actually treated	...	718 $\phi$

(e) Infestation with Vermin

The following information on examinations and treatment in connection with infestation with vermin in this area has also been kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer.

(i) Total number of examinations in the Schools by the School Nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	2,757	(2,832)*
(ii) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	...	18	(49)
(iii) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)			3	(-)

#### 5. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)

The Department was not called upon to deal with any cases during the year.

#### 6. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 47) as amended by National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, (Section 1).

The Department was not called upon to deal with any cases during the year.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.  
 $\phi$  This figure includes a number of children requiring treatment in the previous year, but who did not receive actual treatment until the year under review.



## 7. Old People's Welfare

I am indebted to Councillor Mrs Noble for the following information relating to the Old People's Welfare in the Urban District.

We have now completed seven years of work in caring for old people, and I think the time has now come to consider the achievements, also the hopes and opportunities that lie ahead.

It is gratifying to record more visitors during the last few months, after a Refresher Course for Leaders in Old People's Welfare was held under the King George VI Memorial Trust. There is still a need for more Voluntary Visitors and an Area Organiser. Work amongst Old People is increasing as people are living to a greater age.

263 bags of coal and 87 parcels were delivered to the old and needy people at Christmas; and 160 Birthday and Christmas cards were sent.

The important Night Sitting Service is growing rapidly and proving a great help and comfort to old people who are ill, relieving tired relatives and good neighbours, because nursing the chronic sick can be very exhausting. Over 250 nights were covered during the past year. There has been a great demand on the Draw Sheets which are issued to the Night Sitters when there is obvious need for the patients concerned. We have helped some old people to obtain bed-linen through the National Assistance Board where it proved necessary.

The Chiropody Service is growing fast and 507 treatments were given during the last year, as compared with 296 the previous year.

The Old People's Welfare Committee have acquired two Commodes, Bed Pans, Wireless Sets and a Bedstead and Mattress which have been in constant use; thereby furthering health and relieving poverty, distress or sickness.

All Chiropody and some Night Sitting is subsidised. Many social events are held to augment the services provided; but a growing service needs growing funds to function adequately - which is the aim of the Old People's Welfare Committee. We have had a busy year. Our balance is down by £100 which shows the growth of the valuable work done by this Voluntary Organisation.

The two Old People's Clubs in the District continue to be very well supported and give recreation and pleasure to a great many deserving aged people in Sittingbourne and Milton Regis.

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SECTION VSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA1. Water Supply

The whole of the Urban District has, since the 1st April, 1956, been supplied from the Council's Undertaking.

The supply has, during the year under review, been adequate both in quality and quantity.

Twenty samples were submitted for examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

(a) No major alterations have been made to the Council's sewerage system during the year. The main developments were in connection with the sewerage of new housing estates, both Council and privately owned.

(b) The final effluent from the Sewage Works is generally unsatisfactory. Apart from the influence of trade waste upon the proper treatment of sewage it would appear that the Works are overloaded. When a restricted flow is allowed to pass through the treatment processes a final effluent of Royal Commission Standard can be obtained. This problem is constantly engaging the attention of the Engineer and Surveyor and the Council's Consultants.

(c) Routine treatments against rodents in the sewerage system continued during the year. Warfarin was again used and the incidence of infestation appears to be low.

3. Scavenging

(a) The administration of the Council's refuse collection and disposal service is under the Control of the Engineer and Surveyor. Disposal is by means of tipping.

(b) Although fully controlled tipping is not carried out, the disposal of refuse was on the whole reasonably satisfactory. It would be better, however, if greater use was made of suitable material for covering exposed surfaces of refuse. This would go a long way to a reduction in flies - a problem of some magnitude at the tip during last summer.

(c) I regret to report that a minority of the townspeople continue to deposit all kinds of refuse and rubbish on vacant plots of ground throughout the town. It would appear, judging by the situation of some of the favoured sites in relation to dwelling houses, that the people using these sites go to considerable personal trouble to carry refuse and rubbish to them, instead of utilizing the excellent collection service provided by the Council which can be obtained by the expenditure of far less effort than their present habits entails.

#### 4. School Sanitation

The sanitary facilities provided are maintained in a satisfactory manner.

The standard of hygiene in the School kitchens continues to be first class. At the time of writing, I am happy to report that the major scheme of alterations at Murston School is well under way. The improvement, when completed, will be to the benefit of children and teachers alike.

#### 5. Public Conveniences

The Conveniences provided were generally maintained in a clean and satisfactory manner.

Free hand-washing facilities are provided in 8 (5 Gents and 3 Ladies) Conveniences. This service is appreciated by the majority of the public. A small minority continue to abuse the facilities but I suggest that this is slowly on the decline.

#### 6. Public Swimming Baths

(a) The popularity of the swimming baths increased during the year, as evidenced by the attendance of 47,733 swimmers, an increase of nearly 6,000 on the previous year's figure.

(b) The standard of cleanliness is satisfactory and the quality of water, as shown by the Analyst's reports upon the 4 samples submitted, was excellent.

(c) In the absence of compulsory pre-cleansing facilities for bathers, patrons are encouraged to use the existing cleansing facilities.

#### 7. Mortuary Accommodation

The mortuary accommodation at one of the Chapels at the Burial Ground, Bell Road, Sittingbourne, was used for the reception of 8 bodies during the year.

Arrangements have now been completed with the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee for the use of the modernised mortuary at Milton Hospital. The present unsatisfactory mortuary will be closed.



8. Service of Notices requiring the execution of works or the Abatement of Nuisances

(a) Informal Notices served	-	198
(b) Statutory Notices served	-	72
(c) Informal Notices complied with	-	189
(d) Statutory Notices complied with	-	69
(e) Informal Notices outstanding	-	84
(f) Statutory Notices outstanding	-	135
(g) Notices dealt with in default of compliance with Statutory Notices	-	10

9. Visits made by the Public Health Inspectors

The number of visits paid by the Public Health Inspectors during the year is shown in Appendix "D".



## 10. Complaints

During the year, a total of 367 complaints were received from tenants of non-Council Houses and 64 from tenants of Council Houses in connection with alleged unsatisfactory conditions.

The following Summary gives the details of such complaints received each month:-

Month	Complaints received from -	
	Tenants of Council Houses	Tenants of Non-Council Houses.
January	4	34
February	6	20
March	2	34
April	5	19
May	1	29
June	7	30
July	6	34
August	7	29
September	15	50
October	4	25
November	3	30
December	4	33
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	64 (67)*	367 (393)*
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The complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to remedy the conditions found.

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Footnote: \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.

SECTION VIINSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD1. Milk Supply

The following are the details of registration under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 to 1953 the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 and the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1953.

(a) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 to 1953

62 Milk Distributors and 7 Dairies were registered under the above Regulations.

(b) Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1953.

During the year 54 licences were issued under the above Regulations analysed as follows:-

Sterilised (Dealers')	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Pasteurised (Dealers')	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Pasteurised (Dealers' Supplementary)				...	...	...	2

(c) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

During the year 6 licences were issued under the above Regulations, analysed as follows:-

Tuberculin Tested (Dealers')	...	...	...	...	...	4
Tuberculin Tested (Dealers' Supplementary)				...	...	2

(d) Examination of Milk Supplies

(i) 11 samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological or other prescribed examination at the Public Health Laboratory, Maidstone. The bulk of the supply is in the hands of two or three main suppliers and it seems unnecessary to duplicate samples from different purveyors obtaining their supplies from the same source.



The following Table shows details of the results obtained:-

TABLE XIII

Designation	Number of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Un- satisfactory
Pasteurised and Heat-Treated Milks ... ..	11 (10)*	11 (10)*	- (-)*

(ii) All milk supplied in the town is pasteurised and the incidence of non-pulmonary tuberculosis in consequence continues to decline.

(e) The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order, 1958

All necessary steps were taken to deal with the licensing of the various Milk retailers in the Urban District.

## 2. Meat

(i) Two private slaughterhouses were licensed for the use of Butchers in the Town, and 156 visits were paid to these slaughterhouses during the year.

One hundred per cent inspection of all animals presented for slaughter was maintained throughout the year. The number of animals presented for slaughter was 1,373 as compared with 1,288 in the previous year and 1,001 in 1956.

(ii) The small amount of meat condemned in the slaughterhouses (833 lbs) is dyed green and disposed of under guarantee to a firm of bi-product manufacturers.

The Department's transport collects foodstuffs condemned in Food Shops and this is disposed of under suitable safeguards at the Council's tip.

(iii) Table XIV shows the details of the animals slaughtered and inspected together with the numbers affected with disease.

The Table is in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 17/55, dated 23rd November, 1955, so as to include horses slaughtered for human consumption among the animals, and cysticercosis among the diseases.

Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.



TABLE XIV

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.	Horses.	Total.
Number Killed ... (if known)	121	22	1	122	1107	-	1373
Number Inspected	121	22	1	122	1107	-	1373
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	24	-	-	-	236	-	250
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ...	11.5	-	-	-	21.4	-	(17.7)* 18.2
Tuberculosis only.							
Whole carcasses condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	3	-	-	6	-	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	-	13.6	-	-	0.5	-	(0.9)* 0.6
Cysticercosis							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.

### 3. Other Foodstuffs Examined

(i) The details of foodstuffs of all types condemned during the year are shown in Appendix "C".

(ii) Two complaints relating to the presence of foreign bodies in food were made during the year.

The foods involved in the complaints were - in 1 case Jam and in 1 case Milk.

The foreign bodies complained of were dirt in a pint bottle of Milk and a ball bearing in a 1 lb jar of Blackcurrant Jam.

Investigations were made and in all the circumstances it was decided to issue a warning to the vendors.

### 4. Shellfish

No case of illness attributable to shellfish was notified during the year.

### 5. Fish Frying

(i) Seven fish frying establishments are in operation in the Urban District.

(ii) Sixteen visits of inspection were made during the year.

(iii) The standard of hygiene continues to be satisfactory.

## 6. Ice Cream

(i) A complete survey of all premises registered in the Urban District for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice cream, was carried out during the year.

As a result of this survey, the position of the premises registered at the end of the year, was as follows:-

### (a) Sale and Storage of Ice Cream

Premises Registered at 1st January, 1958	...	...	...	...	87
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Deductions:-

Registrations Cancelled due to							
Change of Ownership	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

Registrations Cancelled due to Premises							
ceasing to be used for the Sale of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	17

Registrations Cancelled due to Premises							
being Closed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
							<u>35</u>

52

Additions:-

New Registrations due to							
Change of Ownership	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

New Registrations	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
							<u>26</u>

Premises Registered at 31st December, 1958							78
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### (b) Storage of Ice Cream

Two Premises were Registered at 31st December, 1958, as against three in the previous year.

### (c) Manufacture of Ice Cream

Four Premises were Registered at 31st December, 1958, as against eight in the previous year.



(ii) Fifteen samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination by the Provisional Modified Methylene Blue Reductase Test, with the following results:-

						1958	1957
Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	10 (66.6%)	7 (100%)
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	5 (33.3%)	- ( - )
Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	- ( - )
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	- ( - )

(iii) The majority of Ice Cream sold in the Town is produced by National manufacturers and invariably is sold pre-packed. No difficulty has been experienced in the supervision of this Trade during the year.

## 7. Bakehouses

(i) Eight bakehouses are registered and in operation in the Area.

(ii) Twenty visits of inspection were made during the year.

(iii) The condition of these premises during the year was found to be satisfactory.

## 8. Restaurant Kitchens

(i) The number of restaurant kitchens (including Works Canteens and School Kitchens) in the Area is - 33.

(ii) The hygienic standards attained on the whole were satisfactory.

It is regrettable that operatives in the trade do not appear to be interested in furthering their knowledge of Food Hygiene and related matters.

## 9. Public Houses

(i) The number of Public Houses in the Area is - 46.

(ii) The premises have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

(iii) Improvements have been carried out at a few of the premises as part of the progressive scheme for the improvement of licensed premises.

#### 10. Food Preparing Premises

(i) Twenty-three premises are registered for the manufacture of sausage and preserved foods.

(ii) Improvements continue to be made to bring these premises up to the highest standards. Generally the premises have been maintained in a satisfactory manner.

#### 11. General Hygiene in Food Premises

(a) Unspectacular but steady progress has been made in the modernisation of all types of food premises. There exists between the Department and Food Traders generally a good spirit of co-operation as evidenced by the number of times the informal advice of the Department's Officers was sought during the course of the year.

(b) I am not happy about the lavish displays of foods, such as bacon, cooked meats etc., in shop windows. These are an attraction for flies and in spite of what traders generally feel they must, to a greater or less extent, become contaminated by dust. The majority of the traders express the opinion that if such displays are curtailed, sales will drop. If this be true, it is a sad commentary on the shoppers who apparently prefer to buy potentially contaminated food rather than freshly cut bacon, meats etc. I am certain that without any detriment to the shopkeeper these displays of food could be drastically reduced and a potential public health danger eliminated.

#### 12. Details of Inspection

These details are shown in Appendix "D".

#### 13. The Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area.

These details are shown in Appendix "F".

#### 14. Samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority

I am very grateful to the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, County Hall, Maidstone (Mr S. Strugnell), for again supplying the details shown overleaf of samples of food taken by the County Sampling Officers in the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton, during 1958, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938:-



Article	No. of Samples	Article	No. of Samples
Apple and Strawberry Jam ...	1	Total Brought Forward	85
Apricot Jam ...	1		
Butter Assorted ...	1	Ready-Brek ...	1
Butter Crisps ...	1	Sliced Wholewheat Loaf ...	1
Cherries in Syrup ...	3	Small Brown Hovis ...	1
Chilblain Ointment ...	1	Small Brown Wholemeal ...	1
Cocktail Cherries ...	3	Small White Loaf ...	1
Dairy Butter ...	2	Sorbitol ...	1
Fruit Juices ...	6	Strawberries in Heavy Syrup	2
Gin ...	2	Strawberry Milk Shake ...	1
Glaze Cherries ...	1	Thru ...	1
Halibut Liver Oil Capsules	1	Vick Formula 44 Cough Linctus	1
Ice Cream ...	1	Vi-Daylin ...	1
Invalid Toffee ...	1	Whisky ...	1
Kest Tablets ...	1		
Margarine (10% Butter)	1		
Marzipan ...	3		
Milk ...	42		
Milk Chocolate Crunchies ...	1		
Milk Chocolate Eclairs ...	1		
Milk Loaf ...	1		
Murray Fruits ...	1		
Nemakol... ..	1		
Nutrex Sliced White Loaf ...	1		
Orange Marmalade ...	1		
Oranges ...	1		
Pernivit ...	1		
Plums in Syrup ...	1		
Pork Brawn ...	1		
Pork Luncheon Meat ...	1		
P.R. Tablets ...	1		
Total Carried Forward	85	Total	98



## Summary

Milk	...	...	...	42
Drugs	...	...	...	10
Spirits		...	...	3
Other samples			...	43

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Total	98
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All the above samples were genuine with the exception of the following:-

Sample of:

Analysis:

Action Taken:

Oranges

The oranges are in fact coloured )  
 with Oil Red XO, a non-permitted )  
 dye but the amount is very small.)

The London Port  
 Health Officer was  
 informed.

## SECTION VII

### DISINFECTION, DISINFESTATION AND RODENT CONTROL

#### 1. Disinfection

(i) Sixty-five rooms at 46 premises were disinfected on account of infectious disease during the year.

(ii) All library books found at premises where a case of notifiable disease has occurred have been disinfected by formaldehyde before being returned to circulation.

(iii) Steam disinfection continues to be carried out at the Milton Hospital by the courtesy of the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee. Every co-operation and assistance is received from the Administrator of the Hospital and his Staff in carrying out this work.

#### 2. Disinfestation

(i) The following tables indicate the work carried out during the year:-

(a) Bed Bugs

					Infestations	
					Premises	Rooms
Council Houses	...	...	...	...	- ( 2)*	- ( 4)*
Other Houses	...	...	...	...	9 (11)	17 (28)
					<hr/>	
Totals					9 (13)	17 (32)
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Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.

## (b) Fleas

					Infestations	
					Premises	Rooms
Council Houses	....	...	...	...	3 (1)*	13 ( 1)*
Other Houses	...	...	...	...	7 (7)	22 (17)
Other Premises	...	...	...	...	4 (-)	19 (-)
Totals					14 (8)	54 (18)

(c) Other Insect Pests  
(Ants, Beetles and Flies)

Council Houses	...	...	...	...	10 ( 5)*	12 ( 6)*
Other Houses	...	...	...	...	20 (14)	32 (18)
Other Premises	...	...	...	...	2 ( 2)	8 ( 2)
Totals					32 (21)	52 (26)

(ii) Other disinfestations carried out during the year were as follows:-

(a) At the Sittingbourne Police Station, two cells were treated on account of Vermin.

(b) The roof spaces and various other interior parts of four Council Houses were treated on account of Crickets.

(c) The outside walls of 3 Council Houses were treated on account of Clover Mite.

(d) The outside walls of 4 Council Houses and 12 Private Houses were treated on account of Ants.

(e) The Children's Clinic at Sutton House was treated, on 4 occasions on account of Ants.

(f) Routine treatment of Civil Defence bedding was carried out on account of Moths.

Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.



(iii) In addition 18 Wasps' and 10 Bees' Nests were treated and destroyed and the usual anti-mosquito measures were carried out in ponds and other sites.

(iv) The main insecticides used during the year were 5% D.D.T. in Kerosene and Gammexane.

(v) The number of visits made during the year by the Department's Operator in connection with disinfection and disinfestation was 551 as compared with 629 visits in 1957.

### 3. Rodent Control

(i) The Council employ one part-time Rodent operator.

(ii) Table XV gives details of the work carried out during the year.

(iii) The number of visits made during the year was 1,845 (including routine survey visits) as against 1,965 visits in the previous year.

(iv) In addition to the above, the usual maintenance treatments of the Council's sewerage system were carried out during the year.

TABLE XV

	Type of Property				
	Local Authority.	Dwelling-Houses.	Agricultural.	All other (including Business Premises).	Total.
i. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District.	19	7250	16	715	8000
ii. Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1958, as a result of - (a) notification, (b) survey, and (c) otherwise	(a) 10 (9)	126 (143)	13 (2)	32 (47)	181 (201) *
	(b) 8 (9)	133 (54)	2 (6)	2 (10)	145 (79)
	(c) - (-)	25 (26)	- (-)	34 (123)	59 (149)
	Major 4 (4)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	4 (4)
iii. Number of properties inspected (under Section ii) found to be infested by rats.	Minor 10 (9)	93 (92)	7 (4)	15 (16)	125 (121)
iv. Number of properties inspected (under Section ii) which were found to be infested by mice.	1 (1)	33 (51)	6 (-)	17 (32)	57 (84)
v. Number of infested properties (under Sections iii and iv) treated by the Local Authority.	15 (14)	126 (143)	13 (4)	32 (48)	186 (209)

Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.

## SECTION VIII

### HOUSING

#### 1. Inspections

The number and character of inspections carried out during the year in connection with housing is as follows:-

(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected during the year for housing defects ... ..	219 ( 366)*
(b) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations ...	5 ( 59)
(c) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	52 ( 67)
(d) Number of houses found defective in some essential particular ... ..	187 ( 307)
(e) Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice ... ..	189 ( 249)
(f) Reinspections of houses ... ..	865 (2,296)
(g) Action under the Statutory Powers during the year:-	
(i) Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	12 ( 1)
(ii) Proceedings under Public Health Act	72 ( 211)
(iii) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	36 ( 45)

Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.



(iv) Action under Section 42 of the  
Housing Act, 1957:-

No. of Areas  
represented as  
unfit.

- (-)

No. of Dwellings  
in the Areas.

- (-)

No. of Dwellings  
demolished during  
the year.

- (1)\*

2. Provision of Houses

The Engineer and Surveyor (Mr A.W. Lloyd) has kindly supplied the following information in connection with the number of houses built each year since the end of the War:-

TABLE XVI

Year	Council Houses		Police Houses	Private Enterprise	War destroyed houses re-built	Total
	Temporary	Permanent				
1946	50	33	-	2	-	85
1947	-	57	-	5	-	62
1948	-	44	-	3	2	49
1949	-	70	-	3	8	81
1950	-	72	-	7	8	87
1951	-	82	-	8	4	94
1952	-	140	2	2	-	144
1953	-	118	-	3	-	121
1954	-	200	11	34	-	245
1955	-	94	6	13	-	113
1956	-	82	-	52	-	134
1957	-	72	-	128	-	200
1958	-	57	1	98	-	156
Totals	50	1121	20	358	22	1571

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.

### 3. Repair and Maintenance of Houses

(a) A considerable amount of repair work was carried out during the year. Much of the work was the direct result of the Rent Act, 1957. It is unfortunate, however, that little or no use is being made of the facilities available to improve houses by the provision of bathrooms, hot water systems etc., in spite of the obvious willingness of the Council to implement these provisions to the full and to offer through their Officers all the help and advice that an owner may need. It is quite clear, to my mind, that much greater use must be made of the available facilities if the standard of housing is to be improved to the advantage of all.

The owner-occupation of houses 50 - 60 years old which has been on the increase during the past few years seemed to gain impetus during the year and it is encouraging and significant to note the high standard of maintenance and improvement which is invariably the rule in this class of house within a short time of acquisition.

#### (b) Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

No applications were received during the year in connection with Certificates of Disrepair under the above-named Act. There were, however, 2 Revocation Certificates issued during 1958.

Since the Act came into force a total of 27 Certificates of Disrepair have been issued, of which 17 have been revoked and 2 cancelled, leaving 8 Certificates remaining outstanding at the 31st December, 1958.

#### (c) Rent Act, 1957.

During the year 15 applications (Form 'I') were received in connection with Certificates of Disrepair. This makes a total of 47 applications received since the Act came into force on 6th July, 1957.

The following information details the position regarding these applications together with the action taken:-

1. Total number of Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	47
2. Total number of notices (Forms 'J') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Proposal to issue a Certificate of Disrepair	...	...	45
3. Total number of decisions by Local Authority not to issue Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	2



4. Total number of Undertakings (Forms 'K') given by Landlord to remedy defects proposed to be included in Certificate of Disrepair ... ..	33
5. Undertakings (Forms 'K') not given by Landlord but defects remedied in accordance with requirements of Forms 'J' issued by Local Authority ... ..	3
6. Total number of Certificates of Disrepair (Forms 'L') issued	11
7. Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair ... ..	2
8. Total number of Notices (Forms 'RC2') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Cancellation of Certificate of Disrepair ... ..	2

(d) Improvement Grants - Section 20, Housing Act, 1949

During the year, 15 applications for Grants in connection with Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. These were all approved.

The total cost of the works involved in these approved applications, amounted to £5,326 and the total of the Grants allowed was £2,654.

There were 21 Completion Certificates issued during the year and 11 of these were in respect of applications received during 1957.

The Improvement Schemes were, as in previous years, mainly concerned with the provision of bathrooms, internal water closets and hot water systems.

A summary of the Improvement Schemes submitted, together with details of Completion Certificates issued, cost of works involved and Grants allowed, is included in Table XVIII, covering the years 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958.



TABLE XVII

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

YEAR	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved.	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request	Total Cost of Approved Applications	Total Amount of Grant
1955	25	8	2	£ 4,888	£ 2,436
1956	20	24	2	5,856	2,919
1957	29	24	-	10,118	4,947
1958	15	21	-	5,326	2,654
TOTALS	89	77	4	26,188	12,956

#### 4. Rehousing

The Housing Officer (Mr B. King) has kindly supplied the following figures regarding rehousing in the Urban District.

(i) During the year, it was found possible to provide housing accommodation for 165 families, as follows:-

- (a) 11 families rehoused in existing temporary houses (1)\*
- (b) 21 families rehoused in pre-war Council houses (21)
- (c) 126 families rehoused in post-war Council houses (132)
- (d) 7 families rehoused in privately owned houses by arrangement with Owners' consent (5)

(ii) In addition to the above-mentioned families rehoused by the Council, it is known that 7 applicants were rehoused by other Authorities and 18 others found accommodation privately. These figures compare with 3 and 23 respectively in 1957, 6 and 20 respectively in 1956, 6 and 30 respectively in 1955.

#### 5. Housing Applications

The Housing Officer has also very kindly supplied the following information regarding Housing Applications.

(a) The following Table shows the details of the number of applicants in the various categories on the Council's Housing List at 31st December, 1958:-

TABLE XVIII

1. Number of Applicants on 'Live List'	...	...	529 (491)*
2. Number of 'Late Applications'	...	...	127 (149)
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Total Number of Applicants			656 (640)
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Footnote:- \*Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.

(b) Table XIX shows the various classes into which the applicants on the 'Live List' fall:-

TABLE XIX

	No.	%
1. Single Applicants - Engaged Couples ...	27	5.1
2. Applicants who are tenants of houses within the Urban District ... ..	237	44.8
3. Applicants living in rooms as sub-tenants of lodgers within the Urban District ...	265	50.0
Total		529

#### 6. Common Lodging House

One Common Lodging House is registered, the accommodation available being 30 beds.

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Footnote:-  $\phi$  This figure is in respect of existing applications. There are no single applications as these were cancelled under Council Minute No.1176/2/58, and no further applications were accepted from engaged couples as from March, 1958 under Council Minute No.1310/3/58.



SECTION IXFACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Factories Act, 1937

(i) Number of Factories on Register:-

(a) Factories (Mechanical Power) ...	...	...	...	91
(b) Factories (No Mechanical Power) ...	...	...	...	11
(c) Other Premises ...	...	...	...	4

(ii) Number of Inspections:-

(a) Factories (Mechanical Power) ...	...	...	...	70
(b) Factories (No Mechanical Power) ...	...	...	...	4
(c) Other Premises ....	...	...	...	4

(iii) Number of Written Notices:-

(a) Factories (Mechanical Power) ...	...	...	...	1
(b) Factories (No Mechanical Power) ...	...	...	...	-

(iv) Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ...	-	1	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	1	-	-	1
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	-	1	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7):-				
(a) insufficient ...	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective ...	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes ...	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	1	-	-	1
Totals	2	2	-	2

APPENDIX "A"RAINFALL

Recorded at Highsted Waterworks

Month			Rainfall (inches)					
			1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	...	...	0.81	1.79	3.66	4.46	1.69	3.07
February	...	...	0.97	2.27	2.07	0.89	3.53	2.29
March	...	...	0.19	1.97	1.60	0.44	0.79	1.37
April	...	...	1.74	0.22	0.17	1.12	0.19	1.68
May	...	...	2.43	1.69	4.35	0.68	1.66	2.05
June	...	...	2.86	4.16	2.78	2.05	1.97	4.36
July	...	...	2.52	2.45	2.45	3.93	3.91	1.09
August	...	...	1.60	4.15	2.95	3.50	2.51	3.44
September	...	...	3.08	1.43	2.18	1.91	2.35	3.34
October	...	...	2.13	2.18	4.53	1.37	1.01	3.66
November	...	...	1.36	6.28	0.74	0.81	2.02	1.64
December	...	...	0.66	1.78	1.92	3.12	2.54	3.27
Total Rainfall			20.35	30.37	29.40	24.28	24.17	31.26

APPENDIX "B"TEMPERATURES

Recorded at Johnson House, Sittingbourne

Month		Maximum				Minimum			
		1955	1956	1957	1958	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	...	53°	56°	60°	57°	19°	24°	28°	19°
February	...	59°	48°	58°	60°	22°	10°	27°	24°
March	...	60°	70°	69°	61°	23°	22°	28°	20°
April	...	78°	72°	72°	73°	30°	27°	30°	28°
May	...	72°	86°	72°	78°	36°	30°	30°	32°
June	...	82°	81°	97°	81°	41°	38°	39°	38°
July	...	93°	89°	98°	83°	49°	47°	48°	40°
August	...	86°	87°	84°	82°	46°	41°	41°	44°
September	...	85°	81°	78°	80°	39°	39°	30°	38°
October	...	72°	72°	72°	70°	26°	31°	31°	32°
November	...	66°	62°	64°	61°	22°	19°	26°	26°
December	...	63°	59°	53°	56°	23°	26°	20°	26°



APPENDIX "C"DETAILS OF FOODSTUFFS OF ALL TYPESCONDEMNED DURING 1958

		Lbs.	Lbs.
(a) Condemned at Slaughterhouses:-			
Portion of a Beast	Actinomycosis	30	
Carcase of a Pig	Septic Pleurisy	40	
3 Portions of Pig	Localised Tuberculosis	39	
Edible Offal		724	833
(b) Condemned in Shops:-			
Meat ... ..		160	
Miscellaneous Foodstuffs (including canned Milk, Meat, Fruit, Vegetables, Fish, Jam, etc.)		1,644 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,804 $\frac{1}{2}$
(c) Condemned in Warehouse:-			
Tomato Puree (tinned) ... ..		4,160	
Tomatoes (tinned) ... ..		117,502	121,662
Total Lbs.			<hr/> 124,299 $\frac{1}{2}$ <hr/>
Total - 55 Tons 9 Cwts 3 Qrs 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lbs.			
( 3 Tons 3 Cwts 2 Qrs 8 Lbs. ) *			

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding year.

APPENDIX "D"DETAILS OF INSPECTION

## Inspection of Houses

Inspections

No. of Houses inspected (Public Health and Housing Acts)

First Inspections - not visits ... .. 219

No. of Houses reinspected ... .. 865

No. of Houses inspected and recorded (S.3. Housing Act, 1957) 5

No. of Houses inspected for Rent Act, 1957 ... .. 4 1093

## Overcrowding

No. of Dwellings Overcrowded

1

## Premises

Accumulations ... .. 17

Butchers ... .. 85

Cinemas and Amusement Places ... .. 12

Common Lodging House ... .. 12

Dairies and Milkshops ... .. 36

Food Preparing Premises ... .. 13

Fresh Fish Shops ... .. 16

Fried Fish and Chip Shops ... .. 16

Fruit and Vegetable Shops ... .. 13

Food Vehicles ... .. 10

Ice Cream Premises ... .. 37

Markets ... .. 12

Mortuary ... .. 12

Offensive Trades ... .. 2

Outworkers ... .. 13

Pets Shops ... .. 12

Premises to examine Foodstuffs ... .. 86

Provision Shops ... .. 94

Public Conveniences ... .. 16

Public Houses ... .. 60

Restaurant and Restaurant Kitchens ... .. 64

Schools ... .. 15

Shops (under Shops Act) ... .. 12

Shops (reinspections) ... .. 2

Slaughterhouses ... .. 156

Smoke Observations ... .. 3

Swimming Baths ... .. 4

Systematic Inspection of District ... .. 2

Tents, Vans and Sheds, etc. ... .. 56

Tips ... .. 12

Water courses ... .. 4 904

Total c/f

1998

							Inspections	
							1998	
Total b/f								
Rat Infestation (not recorded elsewhere)								
Houses Inspected (first inspections)	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	
Houses Inspected (reinspections)	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>6</u>	13
Enquiries <del>or</del> Visits								
Contractors or Owners interviewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	252	
Contacts of Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	124	
Notifiable Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	
Other Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	365	
Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	
Office Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	702	
Port Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	
Lectures	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Civil Defence - Welfare	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	
Flooding	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Housing Tenancies	...	...	...	...	...	...	189	
Housing Circumstances	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>13</u>	
Houses Let in Lodgings	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>90</u>	1882
Food and Drugs and Other Sampling								
Samples of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	
Samples of Swimming Bath Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Samples of Water obtained - Bacteriological Examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	
Samples of Milk obtained - Bacteriological	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Miscellaneous Bacteriological Specimens	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>19</u>	69
Factories								
Factories with Mechanical Power - Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	
- Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	
Factories without Mechanical Power - Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
- Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>-</u>	74
Total							<u>4036</u>	
							<u>(5598)*</u>	

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## APPENDIX "E"

## NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1958

## Works Executed

Houses								Totals	
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Ashbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	
Baths provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Brickwork of walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Damp-proof courses inserted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	
Doors and frames repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Floors renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	
Grates or Ovens repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Inside plastering repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	
Outside plastering repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Pantries provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Roofs renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	
Rain water pipes or gutters renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Washing coppers provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Water taps or pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Window cords renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	
Yard paving relaid or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>3</u>	202
Drainage									
Drains tested, Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Drains re-laid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	
Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	
Gullies fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Inspection or Interception chambers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Inspection or Interception chambers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
New Drains constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Sinks trapped or waste pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>4</u>	102
Total c/f									304

Total b/f

304

## Water Closets

Flushing apparatus provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Flushing apparatus repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Miscellaneous repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	
New pans and traps fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>8</u>	22

Eradication of Bed Bugs,  
Fleas and Other Insects

No. of Houses infested with bed bugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
No. of Houses infested with fleas	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>1</u>	2

## Cesspools and Septic Tanks

Abolished and house connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Emptied	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>5</u>	10

## Tents, Vans, Sheds

Removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
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Food Shops, Kitchens, and Premises Used for Preparation  
or Manufacture of preserved Foods

Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Lighting or ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Other repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Washing-up sinks fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Water supply provided (Hot)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Wash-basin renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>2</u>	23

## Public Houses

Beer Cellars decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Flush Pipe provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Miscellaneous Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>5</u>	8

Total

391

(385)\*

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APPENDIX "F"LIST SHOWING NUMBER AND TYPE OF FOOD SHOPSIN THE AREA

Type	Number
1. Meat Shops (including Shops carrying out the preparation and/or manufacture of preserved foods) ... ..	23
2. Restaurants and Dining Room Kitchens (including Works' Canteens and School Kitchens) ... ..	33
3. Food Shops ... ..	74
4. Factories handling Food ... ..	18
5. Fried Fish Shops ... ..	7
6. Ice Cream Retailers ... ..	84
7. Milk - Dealers ... ..	52
Dairies ... ..	7
8. Public Houses ... ..	46

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